

GARY BOND MYSTERY STILL DARK

Forty-eight hours have passed by and not a new theory in the Gary bond mystery.

To be brief, that's the latest news in the \$100,000 certificate of indebtedness mystery that was brought to light just a week ago when Charles C. Jagger strangled the news that his wife had found \$100,000 worth of government certificates in a yellow taxi cab in Chicago last March.

Since that time, statements have been made by Gary people interested in the case, that there were only \$100,000 in the bank roll, but Mr. and Mrs. Jagger still stick to their original yarn. Although they will not say just how many bonds there were or the exact amount, they say that there were the same number as they first told and was \$150,000 worth. Ten of \$10,000 certificates and ten of \$5,000 certificates, amounting to a total of \$150,000.

During the past week a score or more of theories have been advanced as to how the money came into the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Jagger, where it came from, and the amount, but up to this hour, the mystery is just as much a tangled web as when it was first brought to public attention.

Newspaper men and detectives who have been working on the case have left the city, declaring the bond mystery one of the strangest and uncertain pieces of news ever called to their attention.

The case still stands where it did a week ago, with Mr. and Mrs. Jagger custodians of the fortune and the First National Bank of Boston from where it is believed they were stolen, still reluctant about giving out any information whatsoever.

The treasury department at Washington claims that they shipped the certificates to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and the Federal Reserve Bank admit they shipped them to the First National Bank.

Many investigators think it was an inside job at the First National which is holding its secret to maintain its name in the banking world.

IS SEYMOUR A FORMER GARY MAN?

Is Charles D. Seymour, Jr., held under charges of Mann act violation and bigamy at Salt Lake City, the same person as C. S. Seymour, who, with his father, operated the Nevada Gold Mine Co. at 700 Washington street, Gary, several months ago.

According to a Chicago paper this morning young Seymour is the same person that was affiliated with the Gold Mine stock concern during their short residence of three months in Gary.

In June, 1919, Mrs. Hazel Witz Seymour, young Seymour's pretty 19 year old bride of three weeks, charged he deserted her here after she had become violently ill from poisoning caused by pills administered by him. Last December Mrs. Helen Louise Seymour sought a divorce, claiming she had married him in Brigham City, Utah, in June, 1915. This Mrs. Seymour and a 4 year old son are said to reside in Los Angeles now.

It is charged Seymour met Miss Witz at Atlantic City and took her to Washington, Philadelphia, and Baltimore before marrying her at Elliott City, Md., on June 4, 1919.

Reports say Seymour admits the bigamy charge, but denies violating the Mann act.

The Seymours came to Gary about 3 months ago and opened an elaborately furnished office at 700 Washington St. In this office a great deal of "gold stock" was sold, and when they suddenly packed their baggage seven weeks ago, and left for parts unknown, the stockholders became rather worried.

In one instance a Mrs. Maude Given of Jefferson street was on the verge of starting suit against them to recover a loan of \$500 which she had given them, but before the papers could be served on Seymour, he had left town. It is understood that the Seymours reaped a large harvest in Gary.

ROADS GALORE OPPOSED BY TAXPAYERS

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approval of the bond issue for this road the commissioners of Wabash county awarded the contract to O'Connor and Son of Fort Wayne. The contractor has brought suit to hold the county to the contract despite the ruling of the state board.

An effort is being made in Vigo county to have the contracts for \$1,250,000 of county unit roads awarded last summer, rescinded. The taxpayers of Vigo county are now aroused over the burdensome tax levy that will have to be made to pay the principal and interest on this large road program. They are also demanding that other proposed roads, which the county commissioners are contemplating, be held up.

These conditions and situations are merely cited to show the trend of things relative to public indebtedness and the menace of still higher tax rates in 1922 and future years unless some action is taken by the assembly. The higher tax rates of future years is not the only thing worrying the assemblyman. In many of the counties where they are piling up debt to within a close margin of the new valuation limitation the assessed property is largely agricultural. This means that the 1920 assessment will in all likelihood be decreased when the new assessments are made in March. The tremendous decrease in prices of farm products, it is said, will cause a great decrease in the tax duplicates. It is, therefore, evident that some counties and townships will find that they are in debt for more than the constitution limit when millions are deducted from their 1920 duplicates.

ASK MILLION FOR CONFINEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ten years confinement in an insane asylum is worth \$1,000,000 in the opinion of Misses Phoebe M. and Ada F. Brush, who jointly have sued Drs. W. R. Gibson and Walter Lindsay, of Huntington, L. I., for that amount. The sisters allege the doctors certified them insane without examining them.

CROWN POINT NEWS

Happenings Of A Day In Lake County's Lively Capital.

Mrs. Lillian Hoffman has filed a suit in the circuit court at Crown Point against Frank Kleinschmidt of Gary for \$5,000 damages on account of injuries which she sustained last June, while standing on the curb in front of her home. Kleinschmidt was driving by and he lost control of his machine which crashed into the curb and knocked Mrs. Hoffman down, she being severely injured and being confined to her bed 10 weeks. H. S. Barr is Mrs. Hoffman's attorney.

Jennie Wukovich and Tom Wukovich, who were married in Gary in 1918, are seeking a separation, according to a divorce filed in Crown Point on Wednesday. Mrs. Wukovich says that her husband was guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment and accused her of infidelity. The Wukovichs live at 1549 Massachusetts street and have three children. He is the owner of a suite of a bit of property and earns \$400 a month. Mrs. Wukovich asks alimony and support money for herself and children.

In an 'Around' GARY

STEPS ON GAS FOR BRAKE

Because he stepped on the gas instead of putting his foot on the brake when he became confused in a tight pinch at Seventh avenue and Washington street in Gary last night, landing A. W. Meyer, 523 Buchanan street and his Buick car upon the sidewalk where it crashed into a plate glass window of a store at 701 Washington street. The machine also tore through and wrecked an ornamental street light.

According to a report of the accident, Meyer was driving at a pretty fast clip and confused when he came near hitting a Ford car driven by a man by the name of Hale of the Gary Transfer Co. Thinking he was putting his foot on the brake to bring the car to a halt, Meyer stepped on the accelerator.

The car lunged over the curb, knocking over an ornamental street light and finally came to a stop after running into a store, breaking a large plate glass window.

XMAS AT MILLS

The Xmas spirit will be observed in the monster Gary steel mills starting on the shift tonight, when thousands of workmen will lay down their tools and the wheels of industry will be suspended to give the employees of the plant a two-day holiday.

According to information several thousand men will enjoy a two day rest at the Gary works. Arrangements have been made to let every man off that is possible, keeping just as few men on the job as possible to keep the necessary departments in operation.

At the American Sheet and Tin Plate company, officials have made arrangements to shut down the plant almost completely. The holiday season will also be observed by the American Bridge company, and the Gary Steel and Bolt works.

Operations will be resumed on the late shifts Sunday evening. It is understood.

SEARCH FOR BOY

Police officials of Gary are making a city wide search today for 11-year-old John Lack, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lack, 445 Pennsylvania street, who disappeared from his home three years ago and has not been seen or heard of since. According to information received by his parents, Young Lack is believed to be in hiding with a boy by the name of Joseph Kushner, 11 years old, who recently ran away from the boys' school at Plainfield.

CHURCH NOTICE

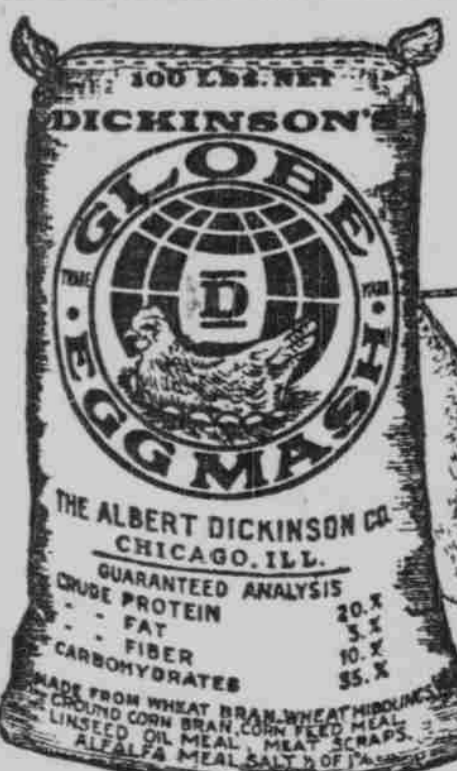
East Side United Presbyterian church, corner 7th avenue and Pennsylvania street, Edgar Puntney Smith, pastor.

Song service and Bible school at 9:45.

Preaching service at 11:00 and 7:45. The Rev. J. W. Harsha, D. D., will preach at both services. Dr. Harsha no doubt will bring messages appropriate to the Christmas season. The Christmas spirit will prevail throughout the services of the day. The pastor, Rev. Edgar Puntney Smith and his wife, who have been away for several weeks, have returned and will be glad to greet the people once more.

The young people under the leadership of Mrs. Bernard Cogan will meet at 7:00 p. m. for Bible study. These meetings are growing in interest and attendance. All who attend will find the 45-minute period profitably spent. All are cordially invited to attend all the services of the day.

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WILSON'S VETO AGAIN PREDICTED

BY W. H. ATKINS

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson's veto of the bill passed by congress to revise the war finance corporation, to aid farmers in export trade, was predicted in reliable government quarters today. Belief that the president will refuse to sign the bill is based upon the opposition of the treasury and the urgent recommendations said to have been made to the White House that the measure be blocked.

Secretary of the Treasury Houston today expressed unalterable opposition to the proposal, asserting that it is fraught with danger to the nation's financial stability. He contends that while operation of the finance corporation to back export shipments in still larger volume, might enable the farmers to get what the producers regard as a more reasonable price for their products, it would only provide a temporary remedy, would further expand the country's credit by more than \$1,000,000,000, and inevitably cause another rise in the cost of living. His main objection is that it would cause a derangement in the government's settled fiscal policy for this and future years.

There are some of the big objections, framed by the treasury, and said to have been laid before the president, as reasons for rejecting the war finance corporation bill.

Farmers could not receive any direct loans or benefit directly, as revival of the corporation's export functions merely would provide loaning arrangements solely for exporters. These loans could only be made to exporters who could negotiate adequate foreign securities. Handicaps over foreign buyers in furnishing satisfactory security would place insuperable obstacles.

Europe is buying more now than she can pay for, and the running up of a still higher American favorable trade balance will only delay the day of Europe's payment of American obligations, according to Secretary Houston.

The U. S. has supplied the world in the last three years with \$22,000,000,000 worth of commodities, and received in return by the import route \$12,000,000,000. This is entirely aside from the \$10,000,000,000 owing to the U. S. in government loans made to allied and other nations to help win the war. Financiers estimate that Europe alone owes in American private commercial obligations well above \$4,000,000,000.

The answer to these staggering loans is that America can only hope for pay in goods sent to the U. S. by foreign debtors as they gradually recuperate in production capacity.

Fully 50 per cent of the exports this year, amounting to \$100,000,000, consisted of agricultural products, showing that farm products are being privately financed.

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Firemen Fight Fire Yesterday Afternoon

Crossed wires of an electric iron was believed to be the cause of a fire in the basement of the Hasinski Furniture store, which occurred late yesterday afternoon. Firemen fought the blaze for an hour while hundreds of people looked on.

The basement was filled with new furniture and it is supposed that the loss will be heavy. Traffic was blocked while three hose companies and two truck companies spread their fire fighting apparatus in the streets.

It was reported that an old man had been overcome by smoke, but his name could not be learned.

Two to Fourteen Years Given Man for Assault

Sam Nesbitt was sentenced to serve from two to fourteen years by Judge Smith yesterday and given a fine of \$25.00 for assaulting Toma Kosich, 850 Adams street. Kosich was badly cut about the face with a knife by Nesbitt about two weeks ago. The fight took place at the steel plant.

HACKETT AND VAN GORDON SING

Charles Hackett, New York Metropolitan Opera company tenor, sings Bartlett's splendid love song, "A Dream," for Columbia Records this month. This is a heart-throbbing melody with soul-stirring words. Hackett's rendering does the song full justice.

"Lead Kindly Light," and "I Need Thee Every Hour" are two of the most beautiful hymns in the English language. Chas. Van Gordon, the beautiful contralto of the Chicago opera company, sings these two great hymns as her first Columbia recordings.

Raoul Vidaz is a young Roumanian violinist who has already made an international reputation in spite of the fact that he is barely 20 years of age. He has played in France, where he studied music, in England and in America. This month he plays as his first Columbia Records the ballet music

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SISTERS-IN-LAW OF CORK'S FIRST MAYOR ARRIVE



Anna Walsh, above, and Susan Walsh, photographed on arrival in New York.

Anna and Susan Walsh, sisters-in-law of Terence MacSwiney's predecessor as lord mayor of Cork, have arrived in the U. S. to testify before the unofficial committee of 100 regarding conditions in Ireland. They will tell of the shooting of their brother-in-law, who was the first republican lord mayor of Cork.

HOW STOCKS OPENED

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Although some issues made further upturns at the opening today, the stock market turned reactionary at the first fifteen minutes and losses of from fractions to three points were suffered.

Steel common yielded 1-4 to 79-4, crucible sold down 1-4 to \$1 1-4 and Baldwin yielded 5-8 to 83-4. Mexican Petroleum after advancing 1 point to 162, dropped to 160-1/2. United Fruit lost 3 points to 134 and Atlantic Gulf 1-4 to 104.

About the only stocks which did not yield were those in which there was little trading after the first few minutes. Union Pacific made an opening gain of 1 point to 115-1/2 and Coca

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Products was up 1 point to 67. Reading was up 1 point to 46. Reading was in fair demand at a fractional advance and Southern Pacific held strong for a time, also showing a fractional gain. St. Paul pfd. was up 1-4 to 41 on the opening sale.

600 NEW POLICE ON N. Y. FORCE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Continuing the drastic methods adopted several days ago in an effort to wipe out the wave of crime engulfing the city, police during the night arrested fifty-one persons on charges of carrying burglary tools, burglary, larceny and lesser crime. Police Commissioner Egan's flying squads visited all night restaurants and pool halls where youths congregated and rounded up the patrons of several places. Several carrying weapons were taken into custody.

By an order that will go into effect January 1st, approximately 600 police-

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Building Loan & Savings Association of Lake county, Indiana, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 20, 1921, at 7:00 o'clock, p. m., at the office of Bomberger, Peters & Mortland, room 200, Ruff building, 630 Hohman street, in the City of Hammond, Lake county, Ind.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1920.

By M. Rothschild, President.

Attest: J. E. Wolf, Secretary.

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